

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the National Black McDonald's Operators Association on the occasion of its national convention in Houston on June 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The National Black McDonald's Operators Association was formally organized in 1972 in order to help its members work together to overcome the unique challenges they faced as early African American owners and operators of McDonald's franchises; and

WHEREAS, The organization has its foundation in the tumultuous 1960s, when the Civil Rights movement, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the nation's involvement in the Vietnam War were contributing to social unrest; the McDonald's Corporation recognized a need for black business leaders, who would be more able to address the concerns of the communities where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, On December 21, 1968, Herman Petty opened his first restaurant in the inner city of Chicago; he was the first black owner and operator of a McDonald's franchise; by the end of the following year, there were 12 McDonald's franchises owned by African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Today, with a membership of 300 individuals who operate more than 1300 locations, the organization has a presence throughout the nation and locations in South Africa and the Caribbean; annual sales of the membership's companies are more than \$2.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, The National Black McDonald's Operators Association provides a strong support system for its members and offers ongoing opportunities for professional development and growth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association on their many accomplishments and extend to all best wishes for a successful convention in Houston; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on June 20, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate